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Week of 11 February 2002

SUSPENSION CALENDAR

1) Resolution on the Use of the Capitol Rotunda.

This resolution would permit the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust. This resolution has no budgetary implications.

2) Tom Bliley Post Office Building Designation Act (H.R. 1748). This bill has no budgetary implications.



3) Bob Davis Post Office Building Designation Act (H.R. 2577).



This bill has no budgetary implications.

LEGISLATION CONSIDERED UNDER A RULE

Campaign Finance Reform | N Bill:



Committee: Summary:

House Administration

Two main bills will be considered during the debate over Campaign Finance Reform. The "Shays-Meehan" bill (H.R. 2356) would amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 [FECA] to: 1) prohibit national political party committees (including any officer, agent, or entity they directly or indirectly establish, finance, maintain, or control) from soliciting, receiving, directing, transferring, or spending money that is subject to FECA limitations, prohibitions, and reporting requirements; 2) prohibit soft money spending (not currently subject to FECA) for a Federal election activity, in general, by State, district, and local political party committees (including any officer, agent, or entity), or by an association or similar group of candidates for State or local office or State or local officials; 3) prohibit soft money spending for fundraising costs by any such committee, officer, agent, or entity; 4) prohibit national, State, district, or local political party committees (including national political party congressional campaign committees, entities, officers, or agents) from soliciting any funds for, or making or directing any donations to, certain tax-exempt organizations; and 5) prohibit candidates for Federal office, Federal office holders, or their agents from soliciting, receiving, directing, transferring, or spending funds in connection with a Federal election, including funds for any Federal election activity, unless they are subject to FECA limitations, prohibitions, and

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reporting requirements, or in connection with any non-Federal election unless such funds meet specified requirements.

The "Ney-Wynn" bill would amend FECA to: 1) prohibit national political party committees (including national political party congressional campaign committees) from soliciting, receiving, or directing to another person a contribution, donation, or transfer of funds or any other thing of value for Federal election activity, or to spend any funds for Federal election activity, that are not subject to FECA limitations, prohibitions, and reporting requirements (soft money); and 2) prohibit any person from making to a national party political committee more than \$75,000 in contributions, donations, or transfers of funds per year, for any purpose are not subject to FECA limitations and prohibitions (non-Federal election activities). The bill applies such restrictions to any political committee established and maintained by a national political party, any officer or agent of such a committee acting on behalf of the committee, and any entity that is directly or indirectly established, maintained, or controlled by such a national committee.

Budget Act:

The "Shays-Meehan" bill authorizes the appropriation of \$5 million in 2002 and \$3 million a year thereafter. Because the funds are subject to appropriation, the bill will not constitute an increase in direct spending (spending not subject to annual appropriation) and will not violate the Congressional Budget Act.

The "Ney-Wynn" bill would not affect direct spending or receipts. Costs associated with the legislation are subject to appropriation. The legislation does not violate provisions of the Congressional Budget Act.

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